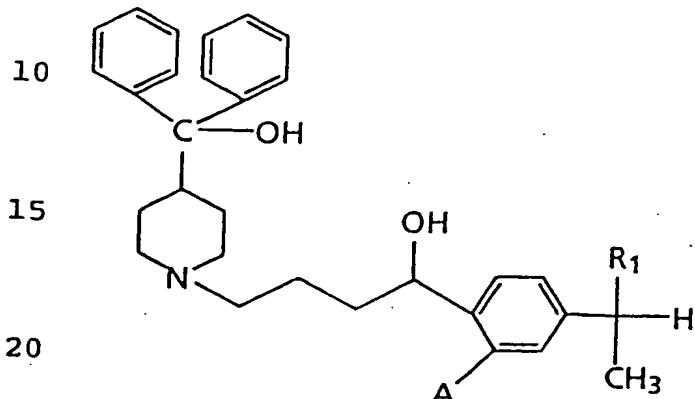


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A compound of the formula



10 wherein R₁ is -CH₃, -CH₂OH, -COOH or -COO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl; and
15 25 A is hydrogen or hydroxy;
 including the stereoisomers, enantiomers, racemic mixtures
 thereof or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

30 2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is H.

35 3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is OH.

4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -CH₃.

35 5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
 -CH₂OH.

6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is -COOH.

7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
 -COO-(C₁₋₆)alkyl.

8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is
 -COO-(C₁₋₃)alkyl.

9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
 is 4-[4-[4-[hydroxydiphenylmethyl]-1-piperidinyl]-1-
 hydroxybutyl]-a-methylphenyl acetic acid.

5 10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is ethyl 4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-
hydroxybutyl)- α -methylphenyl acetate.

10 11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is 4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-
hydroxybutyl]-2-methylphenethyl alcohol.

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12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound
is 4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-1-(4-
20 isopropylphenyl) butanol.

25 13. A composition comprising an assayable amount of a
compound of claim 1 in admixture or otherwise in association
with one or more inert carriers.

30 14. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective
antiallergic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or
otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically
acceptable carriers or excipients.

35 15. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective
antihistaminic amount of compound of claim 1 in admixture or
otherwise in association with one or more pharmaceutically
acceptable carriers or excipients.

16. A method for treating allergic reactions in a
patient in need thereof which comprises administering to
said patient an effective antiallergic compound of claim 1.

17. A method for treating allergic reactions in a
patient in need thereof which comprises administering to
said patient an effective antihistaminic compound of
claim 1.